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MEMORANDUM TO: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: ORE Status Report: August 1947

I. IMPLEMENTATION OF RECENTLY PROPOSED PLANS AND POLICIES

1. Interdepartmental Plans and Policies

a. **Basic Intelligence Program.** The situation with regard to the development and preparation of the National Intelligence Surveys remains the same as reported last month.

Replies have been received from all of the IAB agencies to the request for comments on the outline and format of the proposed NIS program. Further action on this matter, including meetings of the ad hoc Committee must await JCS and NIA approval of IAB #1.

b. **Scientific Intelligence Program.** The project initiated by ORE (to develop for JRDB those scientific and technological capabilities of the USSR which will influence the National Defense economy of the United States as of 1949) is proceeding as satisfactorily as is possible with the scanty information available. Research on that part of the project scheduled for completion by 1 September brought out the lack of information of any importance additional to that supplied in the similar study dated 17 April.

c. **Joint Map and Photo Committee (JMPC).** Pursuant to enactment of the Unification Bill, the JMPC has prepared a recommendation to the Joint Chief of Staff through the Joint Intelligence Committee to the effect that:

(1) A small full-time operational staff be established by the JCS to coordinate the operational aspects of, and accomplish the preparation of, implementing directives for employment of photographic reconnaissance units and Engineer Topographic Battalions and other mapping charting facilities no longer under control of the Chief of Staff, War Department.

(2) The charter of JMPC be revised to make it entirely advisory and distinctly non-operational in character.

Carrying out arrangements made prior to the taking over of the Map Intelligence Branch by CIG, the Chief, Map Intelligence Branch, represented State Department interests at the London Mapping

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